

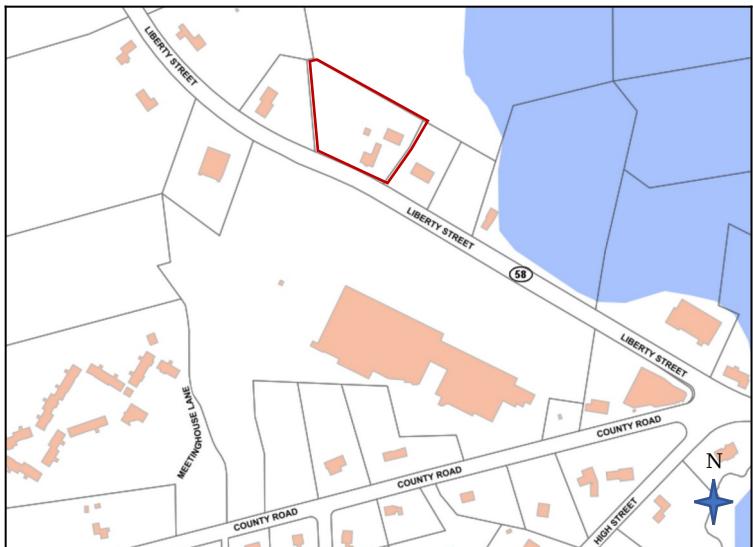
FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL
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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Hanson

Place: (neighborhood or village):

Address: 357 Liberty Street

Historic Name: Rev. Freeman and Elizabeth Howland House

Uses: Present: Single-Family Dwelling

Original: Single-Family Dwelling

Date of Construction: ca. 1820

Source: White's History, Plan No. 6, Page 109

Style/Form: Federal/Cape

Architect/Builder: Charles Howland

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Vinyl clapboard/Vinyl

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: Large barn located to northeast of the house

Major Alterations (with dates): Vinyl replacement siding and projecting front entry

Condition: Fair

Moved: no

yes **Date:**

Acreage: 1.62 Acres

Setting: Located on one of Hanson's main thoroughfares across from a large mid-twentieth century shopping center, the house is one of several surviving nineteenth and early twentieth century homes surrounding the commercial area and town center.

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- Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The one-and-a-half story Cape style structure has an asphalt shingled gable roof with a narrow corbeled brick chimney to the right of center along the main roof ridge. A low, gable roofed one-story addition extends out from the northeast corner of the north façade and the original front entrance has been moved into a short projecting entrance porch at the center of the south façade. The house is vinyl clapboard sided and any original trim or detailing has been removed or encased in vinyl. The building has retained its historic two-over-two double hung wood windows. A taller but narrower second chimney extends out of the east slope of the north façade's addition.

The house faces south towards the street and is located close to the road. The symmetrical front façade has two double hung windows on either side of the projecting front entry. This entry is located in a narrow, rectangular bumpout below a low hip roof. The original door has been replaced by a fiberglass replacement door which is protected by a metal storm door. To either side of the door is a short, three-pane sidelight located above a tall recessed panel. The entrance opens onto a low, narrow cement landing leading to a cement walkway to the street. On the west façade, two double hung windows are centered in the gable-end with a small, fixed window in the lower right corner. It is presumed that there are two windows on the first floor as well, but the lower half of the façade is hidden by the dense vegetation along the west property line. To the east, the gable-end has the same two double hung windows at its center but there are no fixed window in sight. A single double hung window is located on the left side of the façade while a side entrance is located in the right corner of the façade and is accessed by a cement stoop and stairs. The north façade addition is flush with the east gable-end and has a second side entrance door and four double hung windows across its east façade.

To the northeast of the house is a large, two-story barn with a rectangular footprint. The barn has a long, sagging gable roof and vertical wood board siding. A series of large barn doors run along its west façade and a single double hung window is located in the far right corner of this façade. The barn is at the rear of the site at the end of the partially asphalt paved driveway which runs to the east of the house. A small open lawn area surrounds the house with tall evergreens and foundation plantings growing against the building. There is no walkway to the east facade entrance to the house but a wood lamppost is located between the house and the driveway. Dense vegetation and mature trees are located to the east of the driveway and run along the east and west property lines. A few tall, mature trees are also located to the west of the house along the street.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

According to White's History, this house and large barn were built sometime between 1820 and 1825 by Charles Howland, a carpenter by trade and the brother of Reverend Freeman P Howland (1797-1882). Charles Howland (1801-1866) was the son of William and Auelia (Yost) Howland and appears to have constructed the house and barn before marrying in Boston in 1825 and moving to Quincy, Illinois, where he is listed as a carpenter in local

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directories through 1861. White's History of Hanson notes that Rev. F.P. Howland, a clergyman turned insurance salesman, arrived in Hanson in 1826 soon after his marriage to Elizabeth Bartlett. Although the 1830 Smith Plan shows the house as belonging to "C. Howland," this appears to be a mistake as Charles had already moved out west by this time. Instead, Freeman Howland appears to have taken over the property, possible as early as his move to Hanson in 1926. In 1835, Freeman Howland sold the property to William (1799-1877) and Sylvia (nee Whitman) Bourne (1800-1881).¹ William, a farmer, is shown on the 1856 Walling Atlas while Mrs. W. Bourne (Sylvia) appears on the 1879 Walker Atlas following his death.

In 1887, Irish immigrants Jane A. and James McRoberts purchased the property where they would remain for many years. James, a farmer, is shown on the 1903 Richards Map and in 1908, sold the home to Hugh and Blanche Yuil.² In 1914, Hugh sold the home to Ella G. Rogers who lived there until her death in 1924.³ After her death, the home changed hands several times went into foreclosure once. Eventually, German immigrants Paul E. and Annie Scholz (also Schultz) came to own the house after purchasing the house from Jeremiah and Lawrence Reynolds in 1926.⁴ Paul worked as an accountant and the couple lived there for many years before selling the home to Andrew N. and Martha J. Kiddey (also Keady) in 1962.⁵

Antonia and Charles Leverone (1932-2015) purchased the home in 1985 after living elsewhere on Liberty Street.⁶ Charles passed away in 2015 at age 82. His widow, Antonia, is the current owner and works as Hanson's Technical Services and Systems Director.

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⁴ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 1508, Page 382-383

⁵ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 2946, Page 387

⁶ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 547, Page 82

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